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Sixth session
Geneva, 23-24 June 2014
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda[1] for the sixth session[2]

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on 23 June 2014.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Developing international standards and best practices in PPPs: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence, its Specialist Centres and the PPP Business Advisory Board
4. Review of the work of the Team since the fifth session on 5-6 February 2013
5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2014 and proposals for the work plan for 2015
6. Other business
7. Adoption of the report

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[2] Approved by the Chairmen on behalf of the Bureau of the TOS-PPP.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Team will adopt the agenda of its sixth session.

2. Election of officers

2. It is recalled that the Team, at its fourth session in 2012, elected Messrs Leo McKenna (United Kingdom) and Arthur Smith (United States) as co-Chairs of TOS PPP with effect from 1 June 2012 and for a period of two years. The Team has also elected the following officers to serve as vice-Chairs: Mr. Mark Romoff (Canada), Mr. Kamilo Vrana (Croatia), Mr. Berhnard Mueller (Germany), Mr. Bastary Pandji Indra (Indonesia), Mr. Charles Solomon (Israel), Mr. Sam Tabuchi (Japan), Mr. Zhomart Abiyessov (Kazakhstan), Mr. Hafiz Salikhov (Russian Federation), and Mr. Ahmet Kesli (Turkey). The Team will elect its Bureau for the next two years at this session.

3. Developing international standards and best practices in PPPs: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence, its Specialist Centres and the PPP Business Advisory Board

3. Under this agenda item the Team will review a series of documents prepared under the auspices of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence (ICoE).

4. Representatives of the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board (BAB), the Specialist Centres affiliated to the ICoE and other stakeholders also will be encouraged to provide their comments on these documents.

5. The detailed programme of the session will be developed in consultations with the Bureau and will be made available to participants on the website.[3]

4. Review of the work of the Team since the fifth session on 5-6 February 2013

6. The Chairperson will brief Team members on the key outcomes and highlights of the work of the Team since the fifth session:

(a) Progress report on the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence; and

(b) Policy advisory missions and capacity-building activities.

7. The members of the Team will have the opportunity to take stock of past activities, and discuss effective means for the dissemination of the Team's outputs.

5. Implementation plan for the rest of 2014 and proposals for the work plan for 2015

8. The Team will discuss the implementation plan for the work envisaged for 2014 in accordance with the Programme of Work of the UNECE Committee on Economic

[3] The programme will be available at: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35048

Cooperation and Integration (CECI) as agreed at the 8th session of CECI, Geneva, 12 – 14 February 2014, and make proposals for the work plan for 2015.

9. In the current biennium 2014-2015, the Team is expected to contribute to the:

(a) Setting up of new Specialists Centres affiliated to the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence;

(b) Development of international PPP best practices and standards in priority areas that contribute to the United Nations development goals as identified in the Millennium Development Goals and in the emerging post-2015 United Nations development agenda (the so-called Sustainable Development Goals): water and sanitation, renewable energy, healthcare, ICT, roads and good governance. The secretariat will compile draft recommendations on specific aspects of good governance in PPPs, including zero tolerance to corruption, and will establish teams from the TOS PPP and other stakeholders to assist the secretariat in the preparation of these drafts in conjunction with the Specialist Centres; and

(c) Preparation of online training materials in the area of PPPs.

10. The Team is also expected to contribute to a number of capacity-building activities in 2014 and 2015 including:

(a) National and regional consultative visits of the PPP Business Advisory Board to share information and advice governments on existing challenges in the development of PPPs in countries with economies in transition and developing countries;

(b) National readiness assessments in the area of PPPs and related follow up activities in countries with economies in transition;

(c) PPP Master class for senior officials from transition economies;

(d) Policy advisory services and awareness raising activities to promote the further development of PPPs in countries with economies in transition; and

(e) Sub-regional and national capacity-building and knowledge sharing conferences and workshops on policies for promoting efficient PPPs, with a special focus on priority sectors that contribute to the United Nations development goals: water and sanitation, renewable energy, healthcare, ICT, roads and good governance.

11. Participants are encouraged to communicate to the meeting any expressions of interest by member States or other stakeholders for receiving, delivering, or hosting capacity-building activities in the priority areas of the Team's work. Requests from member States for capacity-building activities and policy advisory services will be considered on the basis of available capacity and extrabudgetary resources.

12. Participants are also encouraged to bring to the attention of the session any expression of interest by the member States and other stakeholders to provide various types of extrabudgetary support to the work of the ICoE (such as funds or in-kind contributions, including the organization of seminars, twinning schemes or networking initiatives).

6. Other business

Dates of the next session

13. The secretariat proposes that the seventh session of the Team of Specialists takes place in June 2015. The Team will decide on the dates of the next session.

7. Adoption of the report

14. The Team will adopt the report of its sixth session.

Annex

Tentative timetable

Time	*Agenda Item*
Monday,	
23 June 2014	
10:00-13:00	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda
	Item 2. Election of officers
	Item 3. Developing international standards and best practices in PPPs: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence, its Specialist Centres and the PPP Business Advisory Board
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15:00-18:00	Item 3. Developing international standards and best practices in PPPs (cont'd)
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24 June 2014	
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